

# **Diabetes Partners in Action Coalition Advocacy and Public Policy Workgroup Charter**

## **Workgroup Sponsor**

*Who:* The DPAC Board

*Their Role:* Direction and Guidance

## **Workgroup Name**

How this workgroup will be known: **DPAC Advocacy and Public Policy Workgroup**

## **Workgroup Authority**

*What this workgroup can do:*

This workgroup can determine how to communicate messages of advocacy for access to diabetes self-management training, supplies and health care.

*What this Workgroup cannot do:*

This workgroup shall seek approval for advocacy messages and recipients from the DPAC board.

## **Workgroup Mission / Purpose**

The Advocacy Workgroup exists to share messages regarding diabetes with the Michigan legislature and to educate DPAC partners on policy issues that impact people with diabetes in Michigan.

## **Workgroup Vision / Desired Outcomes**

The Advocacy Workgroup exists to advocate with elected officials and policy makers on legislation or policies that affect diabetes prevention and care in Michigan; and to educate DPAC partners and encourage their involvement in the advocacy process.

## **Workgroup Members**

The DPAC Board will review the composition of this group annually. Members of this workgroup should be representative of the members of DPAC. Orientation and training will be provided to any new workgroup members.

## **Workgroup Key Responsibilities**

- Advocacy Day
- Advocate with insurers and employers about access to diabetes self-management training, supplies and health care.
- Review and update MDON resource directories.
- Advocate for proper diabetes coverage in the “Michigan First” proposed insurance plan.
- Identify gaps in diabetes care/coverage and prioritize where action should be taken.

**Workgroup Decision-making Process**

This Workgroup will use *consensus* decision-making that is defined as a decision that everyone is willing to live with and actively support. The fallback, if consensus is not reached, will be a simple majority of the workgroup.

**Workgroup Communications**

The Advocacy Workgroup will communicate as appropriate with DPAC Board of Directors, co-chairs, and staff. The purpose of the communication will be to provide information on the work of the workgroup and to seek input and feedback as needed.

**Workgroup Time Frame**

The term for this workgroup is an appointment for a three (3) year term, and workgroup membership will be staggered.